

To Whom It May Concern:

Throughout our history, a diverse media has been key to the free and open dissemination of information. Beginning with our founding fathers (notably Jefferson and Franklin) forward, we have recognized that the free flow of information is a critical cornerstone of a democratic society. Access to such information is dependant on access to points of view from all aspects of the political and intellectual spectrum. Such a diverse forum can only be achieved by ensuring multiple sources for thagt information.

The sanctioning of a handful of large media corporations as society's primary source of information limits public access and potentially empowers a handful of corporate executives as gatekeepers who can decide what Americans should know about their country and the world. Clearly, this goes against all the priciples upon which this great nation was founded.

For the above stated reasons I strongly urge you TO SUPPORT A DIVERSE MEDIA BASE as opposed to a monopolistic approach.